

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:17
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000
POST OFFICES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria fixed for opening of post office in villages;
- (b) the number of villages in Gujarat where post offices are available;
- (c) whether there are a number of villages in certain States where postal facility of delivery of mail is available, but there is neither a post box nor any arrangement for sale of post cards, envelopes and postage stamps etc. so far; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for depriving such villages from such facilities even after golden jubilee of independence ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA VIDE PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO:17
20.11.2000 REGARDING POST OFFICES IN GUJARAT

(a) Norms for opening Extra Departmental Branch Offices in rural areas are as follows :

In normal areas In hilly, tribal desert and inaccessible area

1) Population 3000 (in a group of 500 in individual village; or 1000 in a
villages including group of villages.
The PPO village)

2) Distance 3Kms. from the 3 Kms. Except that the distance limit
nearest existing post can be relaxed by the Directorate in special
office cases

3) Anticipated In come 33.33% of the cost 15% of the cost.

(b) The post offices are available in 8090 villages in Gujarat.

(c) & (d) Postal facility has been extended to all the villages in the country and delivery of mail is also available there on daily basis. Extra Departmental Delivery Agents sell postage stamps and stationery while on mail delivery duty in the villages. For providing greater availability of post cards, envelopes and stamps for sale as also delivery of mails in the rural areas, Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras Scheme has been introduced recently and during the current year it is proposed to open 2000 such Kendras in the rural areas. According to the recent policy decision of the Department, letter boxes are being provided in villages having 300 or more population.